



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on July 4, 2026, the United States of America will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, marking a quarter millennium since a group of determined patriots set forth a bold vision grounded in the ideals of liberty, equality, democracy, and self-governance; and

WHEREAS, the America250 commemoration invites all Americans to reflect upon the full and complex history of our nation — to honor the founding ideals expressed in 1776, recognize the struggles and sacrifices that have shaped our journey, and acknowledge the many individuals and communities whose contributions have strengthened and sustained our democracy; and

WHEREAS, this milestone anniversary provides an opportunity not only to celebrate our nation's achievements, but also to engage in honest reflection, meaningful dialogue, and civic participation that deepen our understanding of what it means to be an American and our shared responsibility to preserve and advance the principles upon which this nation was founded; and

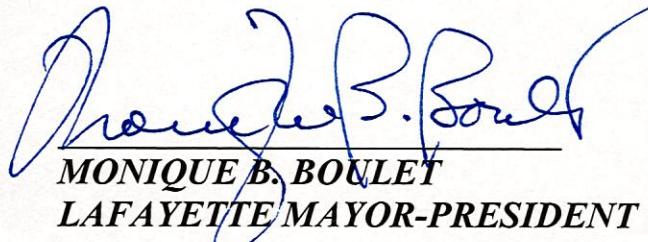
WHEREAS, the people of Lafayette Parish reflect the rich diversity, resilience, creativity, and community spirit that define the American experience, and have long demonstrated a commitment to service, civic pride, and democratic values through participation in local government, education, military service, volunteerism, and community life; and

WHEREAS, America250 encourages communities across the nation to look forward as well as back — to inspire future generations to become informed and engaged citizens, to strengthen our democratic institutions, and to work together toward a more just, inclusive, and prosperous future for all; and

WHEREAS, Lafayette Parish is proud to join communities across the United States in recognizing America250 as a time to commemorate our shared past, celebrate our present, and recommit ourselves to shaping the next 250 years of our nation with purpose, unity, and hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MONIQUE B. BOULET, LAFAYETTE MAYOR-PRESIDENT, do hereby proclaim **the year 2026 as “AMERICA250” in Lafayette Parish**, and encourage all residents, schools, civic organizations, businesses, and community partners to participate in commemorative, educational, and civic activities that honor our nation's history and inspire continued engagement in our democracy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Office of the Mayor-President to be affixed this 12th day of January, 2026.



MONIQUE B. BOULET
LAFAYETTE MAYOR-PRESIDENT

